

In the Claims:

1 (Currently Amended) An overcoat application peel apparatus for peeling a donor from a laminated printed media, comprising:

a) a support for conveying a plurality of attached laminated printed articles along a first paper path, the articles comprising at least partially resilient printed media, a layer of laminate on the article, and a removable donor on the layer of laminate;[[and]]

b) [[a]] peel guide means for guiding the donor to a donor take-up reel, the peel guide means positioned with respect to the first paper path and the donor take-up reel so that the peel angle between the donor and the laminated printed media as the donor leaves the printed media remains substantially constant as the donor take-up reel fills with donor and changes the angle at which the donor leaves the peel guide; and

c) an exit platen located downstream of where the donor leaves the printed media and at an upwardly tilted angle with respect to the first paper path, the exit platen being disposed to direct the printed media upwardly with respect to the first paper path to promote the release of the laminate from the printed media at the trailing edge of the printed media as the trailing edge passes the peel guide means.

2.-6 Cancelled

7. (Previously Presented) An overcoat application peel apparatus for peeling a donor from a laminated printed media, comprising:

a) a support for conveying a plurality of attached laminated printed articles along a first paper path, the articles comprising at least partially resilient printed media, a layer of laminate on the article, and a removable donor on the layer of laminate;

b) a peel guide for guiding the donor to a donor take-up reel, the peel guide positioned with respect to the first paper path and the donor take-up reel so that the angle between the donor and the laminated printed media remains substantially

constant as the donor take-up reel fills with donor and changes the angle at which the donor leaves the peel guide;

c) an exit platen; and

d) a second peel guide disposed adjacent to the first paper path and sufficiently close to the exit platen so that the laminated printed media resiliently bends around the second peel guide and releases the laminated printed media at a trailing edge of the article downstream the first peel guide.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The overcoat application peel apparatus of claim [[6]] 7 in which the exit platen is disposed at an upwardly tilted angle with respect to the second peel guide such that the laminated printed media bends around the second peel guide.

9. **(Original)** The overcoat application peel apparatus of claim 7 further comprising a paper support adjacent the printed media at a media lead edge proximate the first peel guide to support the printed media.

10. **(Original)** The overcoat application peel apparatus of claim 9 wherein the paper support further comprises a curve spring.

11. **(Original)** The overcoat application peel apparatus of claim 10 wherein the primary guide has a guide length perpendicular to the first paper path, the primary guide including a guide edge, a guide center, and a guide diameter that varies with the guide length.

12. **(Original)** The overcoat application peel apparatus of claim 11 such that the guide diameter is less at the guide edge than at the guide center.

13. -16 Cancelled

17.(Currently Amended) An overcoat application peel apparatus for peeling a donor from a laminated printed media, comprising:

- a) a support for conveying a plurality of attached laminated printed articles along a first paper path, the articles comprising at least partially resilient printed media, a layer of laminate on the article, and a removable donor on the layer of laminate;
- b) an exit platen disposed at an angle to the first paper path and downstream of the first paper path;[[and]]
- c) a peel guide for guiding the removable donor to a donor take-up reel, the peel guide positioned with respect to the first paper path and the donor take-up reel so that the angle between the donor and the laminated printed media remains substantially constant as the donor take-up reel fills with donor and changes the angle at which the donor leaves the peel guide; and
- d) a paper support comprising a curved spring adjacent the printed media at a media lead edge proximate the peel guide to support the printed media.

18. (Original) The overcoat application peel apparatus of claim 17 wherein the peel guide has a guide length perpendicular to the first paper path, the peel guide including a guide edge, a guide center, and a guide diameter that varies with the guide length.

19. (Original) The overcoat application peel apparatus of claim 18 such that the guide diameter is less at the guide edge than at the guide center.

20.-25 Cancelled

26. (Currently Amended) An overcoat application apparatus comprising:

- a) an entry roller for accepting printed media from a printer;

- b) a donor supply reel to supply a laminate carrying donor comprising a laminate and a donor;
- c) a heated fuser guide to apply heat to the laminate carrying donor and the printed media;
- d) a pressure guide engaging the fuser guide in order to produce a mechanical nip;
- e) a donor guide that guides the laminate carrying donor into the nip formed by the heated fuser guide and the pressure guide;
- f) an overcoat application peel apparatus for peeling a donor from a laminated printed media, comprising:
 - (i) a support for conveying a plurality of attached laminated printed articles along a first paper path, the articles comprising at least partially resilient printed media, a layer of laminate on the article, and a removable donor on the layer of laminate; and
 - (ii) a peel guide for guiding the donor to a donor take-up reel, the peel guide positioned with respect to the first paper path and the donor take-up reel so that the angle between the donor and the laminated printed media remains substantially constant as the donor take-up reel fills with donor and changes the angle at which the donor leaves the peel guide;.
- g) an exit roller which accepts the overcoated printed material and transports it to the next required process station; and
- h) a second peel guide disposed adjacent to the first paper path and sufficiently close to [[the]] an exit platen so that the laminated printed media resiliently bends around the second peel guide and releases the laminated printed media at a trailing edge of the article downstream the first peel guide.

27. **(Currently Amended)** The overcoat application apparatus of claim [[25]] 26 in which the exit platen is disposed at an upwardly tilted angle with respect to the second peel guide such that the laminated printed media bends around the second peel guide.

28. **(Original)** The overcoat application apparatus of claim 26 further comprising a paper support adjacent the printed media at a media lead edge proximate the first peel guide to support the printed media.

29. **(Original)** The overcoat application apparatus of claim 28 wherein the paper support further comprises a curve spring.

30. **(Original)** The overcoat application apparatus of claim 29 wherein the primary guide has a guide length perpendicular to the first paper path, the primary guide including a guide edge, a guide center, and a guide diameter that varies with the guide length.

31. **(Original)** The overcoat application apparatus of claim 30 such that the guide diameter is less at the guide edge than at the guide center.